

Fenwick Island Police Department

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Thank you for your interest in the Town of Fenwick Island for your upcoming wedding. The following information may assist you in your wedding plans:

1. Ceremony on the beach – You may have your wedding ceremony on the public beach strand as long as you do not obstruct pedestrian or vehicular traffic. There are no permits or fees required for this; however the Fenwick Island Police Department requests that you notify them of the area where the ceremony will be taking place. This is for security and traffic control reasons, so they are aware that a crowd will be gathering in that specific area. Attached is a form to be returned to the Fenwick Island Police Department.

The Town of Fenwick Island does not allow chairs, tables, awnings, catering, alcohol or glass containers on the beach strand for the ceremony. Be aware that paid parking permits are required and enforced between May 15 – September 15 and parking is at a premium during this time. Please also be considerate of the crowds on the beach strand during the beach season. The wedding party and guests should be aware that the public's access to the beach may not be restricted for the wedding. No walking on or disturbing of the dunes is allowed.

2. Marriage license – May be obtained from the Office of the Clerk of the Peace, Monday – Friday from 8:30am to 3:30pm, located at the Tunnell and Raysor Building, 30 East Pine Street, Georgetown, DE 19947. The Office of the Clerk of the Peace also officiates at weddings. The Town of Fenwick Island does not. Phone 302-855-7834 (24 hour information line), or 302-853-1717.
www.sussexcountyde.gov/dept/cop.
3. The State of Delaware Parks system has venues for weddings. The closest facility to Fenwick Island is the Indian River Life Saving Station. It is located approximately less than 10 miles north of Fenwick Island, just north of Bethany Beach. This site allows tents and catering. Contact information is 302-227-2800. www.destateparks.com/events/life-saving-station
4. The Bethany – Fenwick Area Chamber of Commerce website has a listing of businesses in the area that can help you with your wedding plans.
www.bethany-fenwick.org/wedding.htm. Phone # is 302-539-2100.